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Applicants : Steven J. Winter et al.  
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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Commissioner for Patents:

Applicants request a refund of the one-month extension of time fee (\$110) included with the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts filed on January 22, 2004.

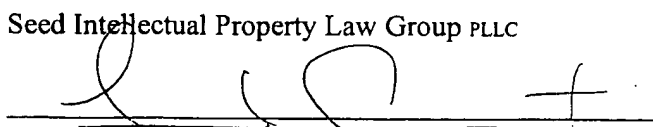
As of January 15, 2004, the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed November 4, 2003, had not been received at Seed IP Law Group PLLC ("Seed"). An inquiry was made to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and as a result, a copy of the Notice was sent by facsimile on January 16, 2004. Applicants have attached a database printout showing that for "Action Type: US-2 month + mailing Missing Parts" the "Date Created" was January 16, 2004. The printout also shows that the Filing Receipt was not received until January 16, 2004. The Filing Receipt and the Notice to File Missing Parts both arrived by facsimile on January 16, 2004.

Applicants' Response to Notice to File Missing Parts was filed on January 22, 2004, three business days after receipt of the Notice, clearly indicating that a timely response would have been possible had the Notice arrived at Seed in a timely fashion. The declaration filed with the Response was executed on November 3, 2003, this being further evidence of Applicants' readiness to timely respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts. Because the

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extension fee was incurred through no fault of the Applicants, Applicants request a refund of the fee.

Respectfully submitted,  
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